IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 13 and 24 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) A computer user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer, comprising:

display means having printing image displaying area for displaying a printing image of a report of analysis results of the analyzer, and an item displaying area for displaying a list of items containing <u>titles and their contents comprised of</u> characters or digits and corresponding to analysis conditions and configured to be arranged in the printing image displaying area;

drag-and-drop means for enabling a user to drag-and-drop an item from the item displaying area to a desired position within the image displaying area where a report of analysis results is displayed so that the selected item is displayed in the report of analysis results;

means for attaching the dropped item to the end of an existing item and recognizing both items as information belonging to the same group when the existing item is at the same position as the dropped item; and

group editing means for performing group editing of items containing titles and their contents ~~including the characters or the digits~~ in the same group by performing character position alignment of the first characters of the contents or digit alignment of the digits of the contents.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 1; wherein the means for performing group editing performs editing of display attributes including font type, font and color.

4. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 1; wherein the means for performing group editing performs position adjustment of grouped items.

5. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 1; wherein the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

6. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 1; wherein the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

7. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 3; wherein the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

8. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 4; wherein the listed items include a title and contents of analysis conditions.

9. - 10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 7; wherein the group editing means performs position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the items in the same group.

12. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 8; wherein the group editing means performs position alignment of the positions of the first characters of the items in the same group.

13. (currently amended) A user interface for a sample analyzer having a computer, comprising:

display means connected to the computer and having an image displaying area for displaying an image of sample characteristics, and an item displaying area for displaying an item list of individually selectable items containing <u>titles and their contents comprised of</u> characters or digits and for which an image of sample characteristics is displayable in the image displaying area;

drag-and-drop means for enabling a user to drag-and-drop items from the item list onto the image displaying area using an input device connected to the computer;

means for appending a dropped item onto an end of an existing item and recognizing both items as belonging to the same group when the existing item is located at the same position as the dropped item; and

group editing means for performing group editing of items <u>containing titles and their contents</u> ~~including the characters or the digits~~ in the same group by performing character position alignment of the first characters <u>of the contents</u> or digit alignment of the digits <u>of the contents</u>.

14. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 13; wherein the selectable items for which sample characteristics are displayable

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comprise one or more characteristics of the sample for producing a graphical representation in the image displaying area and one or more descriptive parameters relating to the sample or an analysis performed on the sample.

15. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; wherein the descriptive parameters include measurement parameters of an analyzed sample.

16. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; wherein the descriptive parameters include a sample name and an analysis date.

17. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 14; further comprising a menu bar having a property menu selectable using the input device to enable display attributes of displayed information to be changed.

18. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 17; wherein the display attributes include font and color.

19. - 20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template for analysis results of an analyzer according to claim 1; wherein the item displaying area and the image displaying area of the display means are disposed adjacent one another.

22. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 13; wherein the image displaying area of the display means comprises a printing image displaying area for displaying a printing image of the sample characteristics.

23. (previously presented) A user interface for a sample analyzer according to claim 22; wherein the item displaying area and the image displaying area of the display means are disposed adjacent one another.

24. (currently amended) A user interface for creating a printing template, comprising:

display means for simultaneously displaying a printing image of a report and a list of items containing titles and their contents comprised of characters or digits and configured to be arranged in the printing image of the report;

drag-and-drop means for enabling a user to drag-and-drop an item from the item list to a desired position within the printing image so that the selected item is displayed in the report;

means for attaching the dropped item to the end of an existing item and recognizing both items as information belonging to the same group when the existing item is at the same position as the dropped item; and

group editing means for performing group editing of items containing titles and their contents ~~including the characters or the digits~~ in the same group by performing character position alignment of the first characters of the contents or digit alignment of the digits of the contents.

25. (canceled).

26. (previously presented) A user interface for creating a printing template according to claim 24; further comprising a menu bar having a property menu selectable by the user to enable display attributes of information displayed by the display means to be changed.